

MINUTES OF MEETING WITH MURPHY DITCH USERS  
AND SALINA CREEK IRRIGATION COMPANY

A meeting was held Wednesday, December 11, 1968, as a follow-up to our meeting in March, 1968.

Those attending the meeting were:

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| Hubert C. Lambert                   | State Engineer              |
| Donald C. Norseth                   | State Engineer's Office     |
| Earl M. Staker, Price Area Engineer | State Engineer's Office     |
| Roger Walker, Commissioner          | Lower Sevier River          |
| Bruce Whited, Commissioner          | Upper Sevier River          |
| Thorpe Waddingham                   | Consolidated Reservoir Cos. |
| Blain Poulson, President            | Salina Creek Irrigation Co. |
| Horace J. Horne                     | Salina Creek Irrigation Co. |
| Ted Shephard                        | Salina Creek Irrigation Co. |
| Harry Miller                        | Murphy Ditch                |
| Morris H. Curtis                    | Murphy Ditch                |

Donald C. Norseth opened the meeting by reading the minutes of our meeting in March, 1968.

Hubert C. Lambert suggested we begin the meeting by having the Water Commissioner, Roger Walker, give a report on his measurements and observations during the past season.

Roger Walker stated that there were no measuring devices or diversions structures in the Murphy Ditch as yet, and this does not comply with Mr. Lambert's instructions at our last meeting, although he did estimate the flow as best he could. There was water in the Murphy Ditch from May 1 to June 25 and he estimated they used 320 acre-feet of water during this period.

The users commented that this figure was high because trash would shut the ditch off and they would not get it open until early in the morning.

Mr. Lambert asked why they had not installed the necessary measuring devices. Their reply was that they had waited until it was too late.

Mr. Norseth then explained his results of a search of our records

and those of the Cox Decree to find a water right for the Murphy Ditch other than the right for Salina Creek in the Cox Decree. He explained that he had found no other water right for the Murphy Ditch, but that he had found maps in support of the Cox Decree, which he presented to show that this ditch and irrigation under it were described as part of the Salina Creek Irrigation Company's water right in the Cox Decree.

Mr. Harry Miller, representing Murphy Ditch Users, presented a document from the County Recorder's Office found in Book B of Water on pages 90 to 94, which stated they had a right to divert water from Salina Creek, but the document goes on to say that the individuals turned over any rights they may have had to the Salina Creek Irrigation Company in lieu of shares of stock in the Company. A copy of the document is attached hereto.

Mr. Blain Poulson, President of Salina Creek Irrigation Company, stated that the Company delivers water to the Murphy Ditch from their trunk canal by means of a flume across the creek and they do not intend to have any of their water rights diverted into the Murphy Ditch from the creek.

Mr. Lambert stated that all water involved is a part of the right of Salina Creek Irrigation Company and any water diverted through Murphy Ditch will be deducted by the Water Commissioner from Salina Creek Irrigation Company's diversion into the Trunk Canal. If the irrigation company agrees to let the Murphy Ditch divert from the creek.

He also made it clear that no water is to be diverted without sufficient control gates and measuring devices.

Mr. Lambert offered the services of his Area Engineer in Price, Earl Staker, to assist the users in setting up a better distribution system.



Mr. Lambert summarized his policy as follows:

1. If water is to be diverted into the Murphy Ditch, the following will be adhered to:
  - a. Agreement by the Murphy Ditch Users and the Salina Creek Creek Irrigation Company to the use of this ditch.
  - b. The deduction of flow in the trunk canal to correspond with that water diverted into Murphy Ditch, so that all diversions do not exceed the right of Salina Creek Irrigation Company.
  - c. That no water be diverted by Murphy Ditch unless diversion control gates and measuring devices, approved by the State Engineer and Water Commissioner, are properly installed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.